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@2179. .SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister ot CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is, a fact that India participated in tne EXPO *92* at Seville the World's biggest expo event;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the participation ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India's tourist attractions including its cultural and historical contribution in the development of civilisation were highlighted at the EXPO, which was visited by over three million people.

Stiike deferred by pilots of Indian Airlines

2180. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether pilots of the Indian Airlines propose to go on a strike but have deferred the same- by -a-fortnight;

(b) what are the reasons for the agitation of the pilots; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to ensure smooth running of the Indian Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Indian Commercial Pilots' Association has raised several financial demands and has- issued directives to its members not to operate many flights. As a result, some of the pilots refused to undertake flying duties resulting in cancellation of flights. The Association also gave notice dated 13-10-1992 to go on strike from 30-10-1992, but kept the same in abeyance. The Association has given a fresh notice dated 24-11-1992 to go on strike from 10th December, 1992.

(.b) The mam reasons for the agitation by pilots are certain financial demands and inciude what they perceive as keek of safety me-isures at some airfields.

(.c) The issues relating to safety aaeasu-res have been referred for arbitration,to the Director General of Civii Aviation. As regards the financial demands, the entire question of pay and allowances of the- employees of Indian Airlines for a period -ef five years with effect from 1-9-1990 •steads referred to the National Industrial "Tribunal.

Revolver found inside checked baggage

2181. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Security Agencies at the Meernambakkam Airport found out a revolver inside a cheeked : in baggage of one Shri Ghaadraswaaayjuwi

(b) if so, whether the baggage was 'permitted to be loaded into the aircarft alongwith the revolver ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) During X-ray screening an unloaded revolver was monitored in the registered baggage of' Shri Chandraswamy while he was checking -in for flight IC-539 on 22-10-1992. The bag gage was scanned again and loaded in the aircraft with the weapon 'under escort'.

Improvement of services in Hotels

2182. SHRI RAMJI LAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND-TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the influx of tourists in the country at present and What is -the policy of Government to increase the tourism .in the country;

(b) whether the facilities/ajacnitjes, provided to tourists is going down in comparison of prevailing rates in the hotels, Yatri Niwas, etc. in the country; and transferred from 3-12-92.

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